

### Overview

This standard is aimed at staff involved in laundering items such as bed linen, clothing and towels. To achieve this unit, you must show that you can prepare items and make up loads for cleaning. You must handle items with care and remove items which are unsuitable for the cleaning process. You must check for objects that are extraneous and deal with them according to correct procedures. You must sort items according to the appropriate classifications and make up loads of the correct weight, labelling them clearly. You must prioritise loads and store them carefully in order of priority.

Users of this standard will need to ensure that practice reflects up to date information and policies.

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### Performance criteria

*You must be able to:*

- P1 handle items with care and consideration
- P2 remove items which are unsuitable for the cleaning process to be used and redirect them to the appropriate location
- P3 identify priority work accurately
- P4 check for foreign objects and deal with them according to your company's procedures
- P5 sort items according to the appropriate classification
- P6 make up loads of the correct weight according to the machine capacity and the nature of the load
- P7 label loads clearly
- P8 store loads carefully in order of priority

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### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

- K1 how to handle items so that you do not damage them or soil them further
- K2 how to identify items which are unsuitable for the cleaning process
- K3 how to identify priority work
- K4 how to deal with extraneous objects
- K5 why it is important to remove items which are not suitable for the cleaning process
- K6 the appropriate classifications for individual loads
- K7 the weight capacity of the machine
- K8 how to label loads
- K9 how to store loads
- K10 how to identify the priority order of loads
- K11 why different types of items may need different load weights

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#### Additional Information

##### External Links

This standard links with the following dimension within the NHS Knowledge and Skills Framework (October 2004):

Dimension: EF2 Environments and Buildings

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